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## WITHIN THE WEEK

Action of Pres TRUMAN in bringing WLB, WMC and USWS under Labor Dep't was inevitable step in organizing for labor strife that is already upon us. (There are many who believe that is where these agencies should have been all along.)

It has long been obvious that show-down on wage issue must come with peace. This seems good time and place to review Administration policy on wages—the long range policy, not necessarily reflected in action of leaders in any specific controversy.

Gov't is on side of higher wages for workers—that is, higher TRUE wages, in relation to living costs. Of course prices *will* go up as wages increase. But policy makers are resolved to beat them down, keep them under control, never let prices catch up with advancing wage scales.

Theory is that increased purchasing power of workers will result in nat'l prosperity. It isn't a new idea. HENRY FORD had the vision generation ago when he set minimum \$5 daily wage for all employees. But it hasn't been tried on vast scale now contemplated.

Of course gov't can't *order* high wages in peace time. But strength of Administration philosophy will weigh heavily. There's overwhelming evidence that wages will go up. They are likely to go up, not only in organized indus-

tries, but in all labor marts. You'll probably not again hire laundress or handyman at prewar rate, regardless of how much unemployment may prevail.

Naturally, unions are asking for more than they expect to realize, but an average increase of 10 to 15% in basic wages is now indicated.

**OCCUPATION OF JAPAN:** Administration sometimes uses State Dep't to curb individual spokesman who takes too much authority. This may account for statement by DEAN ACHESON, acting Sec'y of State, reminding country that gov't and not occupation forces will determine U S policy toward Japan. This could mean that State Dep't does not share MACARTHUR optimism in forecasting cut of occupation army to 200,000 in 6 mo's. Or it could simply imply a feeling that MACARTHUR has been getting too much personal publicity.

It is interesting to note, in passing, that BILL MAULDIN, accepted voice of the dogface in this war, published a biting cartoon this wk with somewhat same implication. His character, WILLIE (now a civilian) is reading paper with MACARTHUR headlines while radio blares MACARTHUR exploits. To his partner, JOE, WILLIE observes: "Eisenhower was a pliker. He needed an army to help him."



## SHIFTING SANDS

Now that war is over, people are beginning to clamor for lower taxes. Congressmen on home holiday heard theme repeatedly. "What's the good of prosperity if we have nothing left?" Thus new tax bill is high on agenda. (Quick action needed to have printed forms ready for '46 ret'ns.) House will rush measure cutting taxes about \$5 billion. Two plans: (1) Cut all taxes 10%; make exemptions now applying to surtax applicable to normal tax. (2) repeal normal tax. Latter plan, somewhat more costly, would relieve millions in low brackets from paying any Federal tax. This is probably good politics, and the proposal has many strong advocates. However, the opposing group feel sincerely that it is sound strategy to keep maximum number of citizens "tax conscious". . . Outlook for corporations: It now appears almost certain that the excess-profits tax will be repealed, along with the capital stock levy.



FOR THOSE WHO WILL NOT BE MENTALLY MAROONED

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"HE WHO NEVER QUOTES, IS NEVER QUOTED"

Charles Haddon Spurgeon

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"No tradition should be allowed to stand in the way of good understanding."—King IBN SAUD, of Saudi Arabia, breaking a tradition against the entrance of a woman into his Council Chamber when he invited Ohio Congresswoman FRANCES P. BOLTON to a conference with male members of a congressional touring party. However, Mrs. BOLTON had to dine in the harem with the Queen.

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"Of the 3,100,000 troops in Europe on V-day, it is anticipated that only 700,000 will be there on New Year's Day."—Gen'l DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER, requesting relatives of U. S. soldiers in Europe to hold Christmas parcels here if there is chance the man concerned would be home by Christmas.

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"I think the proper way to conclude the war is to bring the treaty making to this country, where it can be observed by Americans freely, so they may know what this country is undertaking."—Rep. PAUL W. SHAFFER, introducing a House concurrent resolution requesting that the conference of foreign ministers in London be recessed and the task of winding up World War II be transferred to this country.

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"In my opinion, it makes no difference when we came here—whether we landed at Plymouth Rock, were washed up in the Bronx, or landed at La Guardia Field as refugees from Hitler's Europe."—NEWBOLD MORRIS, defining the "test of a true American" as "what he has done for America rather than when or how he arrived here," in speech at pre-Constitution Day exercises held by Bronx Co. American Legion.

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"Such funny laws we have—one has to be a virgin or married to become a citizen of this country!"—EMILY HAHN, author of best-selling *China To Me*, discussing possibility that immigration authorities may refuse to admit British Maj. CHAS. BOXER, father of her daughter, born in a Jap prison camp. (Miss HAHN explains that Maj. BOXER, divorced, now in Hong Kong, is coming to U. S. so that they can be married.)

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YOU ON THAT?"

"I don't think it was such a tough march."—Lt. Gen'l MASAHARU HOMMA, denying that he ordered the death march of Bataan in which American and Filipino troops were beaten and stragglers killed by their Japanese guards.

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"The rate of discharge will be limited only by the capacity for separating men from the service."—Gen'l H. H. ARNOLD, chief of A. A. F., declaring that demobilization of the Air Forces is being stepped up with the hope of completing discharge by next June of all personnel not needed for overseas duty.

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"Well, we didn't destroy anything and maybe we made wherever we were stationed a little bit better."—One of 1243 GIs who guarded outposts in Newfoundland and Greenland on landing in Boston.

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"It is a very interesting game to watch. But do the players enjoy it?"—LEO FERREZ ALVES, civil engineer, of Rio de Janeiro, watching a football game at Bucknell University, Lewisburg, Pa.

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"Out of courtesy to the ladies, it is expected that gentlemen will wear uniforms, evening dress or dinner jackets."—Notice of one of London's swank restaurants, decreeing that now the war is over, customers must return to evening clothes again.

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"(The Japanese) didn't think that people whose battleships included soda fountains could fight."—Associated Press, reporting an interview with the German naval attaché at Tokyo.

"Pres Truman doesn't ask, 'Am I going right or left?' He asks, 'Am I going right or wrong?'" — Postmaster Gen'l ROBERT S. HANNAGAN, addressing community leaders at St. Louis.

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"Don't leave me alone with this animal. I was never so scared in my life."—Adm. WM. F. HALSEY, visiting his old friend Maj. Gen'l WM. CHASE in a bivouac area on the outskirts of Tokyo, partially fulfilled his promise to ride horseback in Tokyo by riding once around a field on a horse, closely resembling the "old gray mare" type.

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"We only wanted to see what would happen."—Explanation of two Chicago youths, aged 13 and 14, who were found experimenting with 4 half-lb blocks of TNT, 4 black powder bombs and 6 blasting caps, trying to make them explode. They had stolen the explosives from a Navy LST-marine landing show several weeks ago.

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"We should occupy the Japanese islands for about 20 yrs and in those 20 yrs we should deprive the Japanese of any industry or any business that would make it possible for them to beat their plowshares into swords."—Gen'l JONATHAN WAINWRIGHT, after disclosing that he had been beaten without reason by Japanese soldiers as part of a "studied plan" to belittle the Anglo-Saxon races before the Oriental people.

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"God will simply tell the atoms to separate . . . All of our souls will be suspended in space awaiting God's judgment."—Rev. CHAS. G. LONG, Pasadena, Calif., forecasting end of world on Friday, Sept. 21. (If you read this, you will know he was poor prophet!)

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"Poor fellow! I wish he would go and eat."—Swami PARAMHANSA YOGANANDA, commenting on fast of Rev. CHAS. G. LONG, Pasadena, Calif., who forecast end of world on Friday, Sept. 21. (The Swami agrees world is coming to an end, all right, but not for a few thousand yrs. "The world isn't mean enough yet," he says, "to be destroyed.")

"I've a pretty fair idea of Army life and I guess I just wanted to see how the other half lives."—BENJAMIN WATSON STILWELL, 18-yr-old son of Lt Gen'l JOSEPH STILWELL, who, without his parents' knowledge, enlisted in the Navy, admitted, "I'm the 1st member of the family to wear a sailor suit and I don't know how the Stilwells are going to like it."

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"Notice: I will no longer be responsible for any debts contracted by my wife. (Signed) Pvt Roy C BOOTH."

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"Pvt Roy Booth does not have to be responsible for any debts which I may make. He can't even pay his own.—LORRAINE BOOTH."—Classified ads in *Fairmount* (Minn) *Daily Sentinel*.

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"No greater gamble has been taken in history than the initial landings, where our ground forces were outnumbered a thousand to one, but the stakes were worth it."—Gen'l DOUGLAS MACARTHUR, after announcing he plans drastic cut in occupation forces. He had estimated that military rule operating without Japanese Gov't would take "several million troops" to enforce, but now has lowered the estimate to 200,000.

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"Oh, boy, won't it be swell to get back on KP again!"—A liberated prisoner of war, passing an American army kitchen in Japan. (quoted in a CBS broadcast)

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"Thousands of potential law-breakers are being released from war plants. Many unskilled workers, unable to keep up their war-time standards of living, will turn to crime as an easy way out."—T P SULLIVAN, director Public Safety, Chicago, addressing Ill Bankers Ass'n.

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"I cannot see Japan exactly like the U S overnight."—KICHISABURU KURUSU, Japanese diplomat, announcing his belief that it would be disastrous to attempt to rush Japan into a democracy.

"Britain is in very real danger of becoming a 2nd class power unless her industry and overseas trade can be revived."—Sir STAFFORD CRIPPS, President of the Board of Trade, addressing the British Chamber of Commerce.

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"He is the god emperor in the direction of whose imperial palace millions of Japanese faced and prostrated themselves in the dust in abject apology for their failure to kill enough Americans to win the war."—Sen RICHARD B RUSSELL, Ga, in fervent plea for arrest of Emperor HIROHITO as war criminal.

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"Not only food, but also a livelihood is guaranteed."—From a classified ad of ALL-JAPAN GEISHA FEDERATION, seeking 3000 Geisha girls to entertain U S occupation forces.

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"If you lose your job in a war plant, the answer for security is not a holdup. That route will probably cause you to work 10 yrs in prison for the few dollars you may or may not get in that robbery."—Judge RALPH HAMILL, commenting on current crime wave.

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"Even those who appear to play conspicuous roles are often the unconscious playthings of the impersonal surge of events."—Editorial in *Nippon Times*, English language newspaper in Tokyo, urging allies to exercise "the greatest circumspection" in punishing criminals.

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"I'll be thrown in the jug."—JAMES TERRY MCCOLLUM, 10-yr-old son of Urbana, Ill, mother who has filed mandamus suit against Champaign school board to halt religious education in city's schools, when asked during court questioning whether he knew what would happen to him if he did not tell the truth.

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"We're looking for a lawyer inspired by patriotism rather than profit. When we pick our counsel, we can't pay much, because we haven't the funds."—Sen ALBEN W BARKLEY, Ky, head of Pearl Harbor investigating committee. (Committee has been given \$25,000 to conduct investigation.)

"An atheist in the Atomic age is as out of place as a bow and arrow savage in a B-29!"—HAROLD DYE.

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"We want no share in air traffic which involves another nation being deprived of its legitimate share."—British Minister of Civil Aviation WINSTER, opening conference of new Internat'l Air Transport association at which 14 nations were represented.

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"I wonder if he means now or for the last 4 yrs."—Lt Gen'l ROBERT L EICHELBERGER, of the U S 8th Army, when Tojo, recovering from his self-inflicted wound, gave him his ceremonial sword, begged his pardon for "inconveniencing" him.

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"Can while you can!"—Prof EDWIN LINCOLN MOSELEY, nationally known weather prophet, counseling housewives to make most of present food surplus. (He predicts serious drought next summer, affecting wide area from Kans and Neb to Western New England.)

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"She winked at me. That made me mad."—Excuse offered by Tallahassee, Fla man after he slugged a woman who passed him on the street.



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## MINING THE MAGAZINES

**More Terrible Than All The Words**  
—Cpl WALTER J SLATOFF, *N Y Times*  
*Mag*, 9-9-'45.

(Here an American soldier, now with the Army of Occupation in Germany, epitomizes the tragedy of war in a message to his son)

My Son:

War is more terrible than all the words of men can say; more terrible than a man's mind can comprehend.

It is the corpse of a friend; one moment ago a living human being with thoughts, hopes and a future—just exactly like yourself—now nothing.

It is the eyes of men after battle, like muddy water, lightless.

It is cities—labor of generations lost—now dusty piles of broken stones and splintered wood—dead.

Remember! It is the reality of these things—not the words.

It is the sound of an exploding shell; a moment's silence, then the searing scream "MEDIC" passed urgently from throat to throat.

It is "battle fatigue," a nice name for having taken more than the brain and heart can stand, and taking refuge in a shadowy, unreal world.

Remember! Remember and multiply these things by the largest number you know. Then repeat them over and over again until they are alive and burning in your mind.

And when it is in your mind so strongly that you can never forget; then seek how you can best keep peace. Work at this hard with every tool of thought and love you have. Do not rest until you can say to every man who ever died for man's happiness: "You did not die in vain."

### ACTION

Madame Chiang tells a Chinese fable that illustrates the importance of fortifying our words with deeds and of translating our ideals into actions:

A young acolyte would sit all day outside a temple, gazing intently at the statue of Buddha. Each day, too, the father of the temple would emerge, take up a brick and patiently rub it against a stone hr after hr. The young acolyte. . . one day asked the old monk what he was doing. The father replied that he was trying to make a mirror.

"But it is impossible to make a mirror out of a brick," said the questioner.

"Yes," replied the father, "just as impossible as it is for you to acquire grace by doing nothing but sitting there and calling on Buddha all day long."—*Nat'l Parent-Teacher*.

### CHRISTIAN LIFE

No social or political change, no scientific discovery, can alter the fact that if our life ceases to be dangerous, it ceases also to be Christian. There is no life which requires greater courage, greater determination, more patience and constancy, because its strength is founded upon the rock of an absolute faith.—EMILE CAMMAERTS, *The Flower of Grass*. (Harper)

### CO-OPERATION—Value of

If one man is an expert fisherman, and another an expert at handling a boat, the two working together will catch more than twice as many fish as either working alone. This principle of specializing is important for anyone to understand when he seeks to earn his living.—JOHN F WHARTON, *The Theory and Practice of Earning a Living*. (Simon & Schuster)

### DEPENDABILITY

Applying for a farm job, a young man assured his prospective employer: "If you hire me, you'll sleep well on windy nights." The farmer scarcely understood the cryptic remark, but he liked the boy and hired him. . . .

A few nights later, he was awakened by a terrific gale. He

knew what that meant—barn doors wrenched off, haystacks overturned. . . . He dressed quickly, called to his new hand, but receiving no response he rushed to the barn. There he found the doors securely fastened. Hurrying on to the haystack he found that it, too, was firmly anchored. The farmer paused, and over his countenance spread a revealing light. "Now," he said, "I'm beginning to understand what that boy meant when he said, 'If you hire me, you'll sleep well on windy nights'."—CHAS BREWER, "Security, Inc." *Future*, 9-'45.

### EDUCATION—Japanese

Education in Japan is well organized, but far from thorough. The Japanese have one of the highest standards of literacy in the world, but usually their education stops with reading and writing. Once a Jap has been taught to read and write and to worship the emperor according to the approved formulas, he isn't encouraged to go further. He is, in fact, forcibly discouraged if he gets any ideas that run counter to the ideas of the ruling classes. Japanese education is a little like giving a man a knife and fork and then cutting off his head if he uses them.—Sgt AL HINE, "Japan," *Yank*, 9-14-'45.

### FOUNDATION—Importance of

Foundations are important. Often I have passed by a piece of excavation going many ft into the ground and upon inquiry been told this was to be the site of a skyscraper. To the uninitiated it looked as if they were going in the wrong direction, but they were going down in order to go up.—JOHN L HILL, *The Defender*.

### GOD—and Man

I asked an old friend who served 20 mo's in the dreadful death house of Mauthausen, "Who behaved best among the inmates? Business men? Intellectuals? What race? What political parties?"

He ans'd, after thinking a long time, "Priests."

I shall remember that answer forever, and translate it into a larger generalization: They remained men, in conditions of lowest bestiality, who served an



Image and an Ideal higher than the highest achievements of man; an Ideal in whom alone man attains significance and worth. They were those who knew that man, as man, is a soul.—DOROTHY THOMPSON, "The Lessons of Dachau," *Ladies Home Jnl*, 9-'45.

#### They DO Say . . .

As a wartime paper-saving move a number of mags reduced their page-size to 420 lines (approx 7x10) and it now appears that this may be adopted as future standard periodical page. At any rate, the big-circulation jnls are working toward standardization of size. Ad agencies want it, of course, to avoid making many old-sized plates for nat'l advertisers. . . Who's been making the money in wartime? Not the farmer—according to his point of view. *Successful Farming*, in a cross-section poll asked farmers what group they believed had fared best financially compared with what they made before the war. Only 10% specified the farmer as white-haired boy. Industrialists got 12% of vote. But the big winner was the working class, with 55% of total vote. . . Bermuda Trade Development Board is already out after postwar tourist trade. Recent brochure emphasizes point that "U S bases have been so well planned and constructed, they will add to rather than detract from attractions of Bermuda in the future."

#### GOOD WILL

The most precious thing anyone can have is the good will of others. It is something as fragile as an orchid and as beautiful; as precious as a gold nugget and as hard to find; as powerful as a great turbine and as hard to build; as wonderful as youth and as hard to keep.—AMOS PARRISH, *Cumberland Presbyterian*.

#### IDEALS—National

The story is told of a Japanese traveler who was visiting the great Count Tolstoy. The Count asked the visitor about the ideals of his

nation. The Japanese replied, "The ideals of my nation are reverence for the Emperor and love of country." To which the old Russian ans'd, "Too low! too low! There is no hope for a nation which does not love God and that has no religion for a basis."—REV FRANK CROSS, "While Men Slept," *Religious Telescope*, 9-15-'45.

#### MARRIED LIFE

A certain Hollywood studio was having script trouble. In the story, the husband had fallen out of love with his wife. There was disagreement as to how this could best be got'en across on celluloid. Two experienced writers turned in dialog that was much too long. Finally a 3rd declared, "It's a cinch." And this is the way they did it in the final shooting: The husband and wife were in an elevator. On the 6th floor a young girl entered the car—and the husband removed his hat.—IRVING HOFFMAN, *Hollywood Reporter*.

#### OPPORTUNITY—Missed

Once when Al Capone was being interviewed by a newspaper reporter, he seemed as if bewitched by the journalist's hands. The newspaperman grew more and more self-conscious as he noticed Capone staring at him. Finally, unable to contain himself any longer he asked Capone: "Why are you staring at my hands?" And Al replied in a disappointed voice:

"Kid, you sure missed your calling. With hands such as you have it would be a cinch. You'd be a master pickpocket."—RAY SHAW, "Our Hands," *Christian Herald*, 9-'45.

#### ORIGIN—Spud

Although many dictionaries list the word "spud" as being of uncertain origin, there is at least one interesting explanation of its use as a synonym for potato. It is reported that when Sir Walter Raleigh first attempted to introduce potatoes in Ireland some people believed them to be poisonous. These conservatives banded together and formed an anti-potato organization called, Society for the Prevention of Unsatisfactory Diets. From its initials came the word "spud."—*Nat'l Parent-Teacher*.



### CONFIDENTIALLY THRU A MEGAPHONE

There is growing conflict between the aircraft industry and Nat'l Ass'n of Real Estate Boards. Latter, thru its affiliate, Urban Land Institute is waging a campaign to city planners urging that they guard against pressure tactics to force appropriations for close-in airports that may affect property values adversely. The Institute's organ, *Urban Land*, emphasizes point that relatively few persons can afford private planes. Yet they may suffer consequences of hazardous, noisy airports to benefit a few sportsmen.

Contemplating that Congress may call early halt to draft, or limit to point where yield will be insufficient, gov't agencies are already at work on comprehensive promotion plans to stimulate recruiting for peacetime army. Resources of motion picture and radio industries will be called upon. Top-name entertainers will contribute. One thought is that many discharged from armed forces may sign for a period with an occupation army after a few mo's of civilian life. Theme: see the world without hardships, hazards of war.

Librarians report growing number of school boys now spend off hrs digging up and reading articles relating to John Dillinger and other outlaws. Fact that these pieces emphasize folly and futility of crime doesn't appear to deter the "hero" worshipers. . . Hotel men smile indulgently at foible of recently - discharged servicemen. They'll precede signature on hotel register with "Mr" often capitalizing and underscoring the title.

Indications are that Holiday candy will be even shorter this Christmas season than yr ago. Due primarily to sugar situation.



**FABRICS:** G-E has developed process by which cloth fibers sent thru an electrostatic field, become charged, stand on end and are hurled perpendicularly against an adhesive-coated "backing" fabric. Result: new type fabric—or new design on original fabric. Durability tests show 3 to 1 ratio in favor of electrocoated fabrics. (*Forbes*)

**FURNITURE:** Lightweight-outdoor furniture, impervious to dampness, may be made in the future from new family of liquid plastics which, combined with glass, will have a per-lb strength equal to steel. (*Radio Television Jnl*)

**LIGHTING:** New development gives ultraviolet and infra-red rays from single lamp, usable in any socket. Gives suntan 3 times fast as sun itself. Ultraviolet rays result from electric discharges thru mercury vapor; infra-red is from tungsten filament inside bulb.

**PEST CONTROL:** New, cheap rodent-killer, developed as a war project, may prove as effective in its field as DDT in extermination of insects. Chemical name is sodium fluoroacetate, but is commonly known by lab serial number "1080". Developed by Fish & Wildlife Service, Dep't of Interior, it is most effective of 1000 tested substances.

**POWER AND LIGHT:** Packaged power plant, a complete 500 kilowatt unit for use in war devastated areas, announced by Worthington Pump & Mach'y Corp. Packaged in 15 crates, the 9 component parts can be put into operation in 34½ hrs. Easily adaptable to wide range of climatic conditions, and variations of fuel and water supply. (*Sales Mgt*)

#### POSTWAR—Adjustment

If we are to make the most of the opportunity which will be offered to us in the post-war period there must be no inner demobilization. For this time, the duration will last longer than the war. We must mobilize all of the psychological, physical and spiritual resources at our command.—Dr WALTON E COLE.

#### PRAYER

In a certain West African village the native Christians had no privacy for prayer in their huts. So each Christian made off to the bush, behind his hut, for seasons of prayer. After a while there was a worn track from the hut to the place of prayer. Then if it ever happened that the track became overgrown from want of use, another Christian villager would admonish his neighbor, "Brother there is something the matter with your prayer track." — *Southern Churchman*.

#### RELIGION—Challenged

Religion never filled an empty belly, saved a drowning man, relieved any of us of toil, prevented sickness, or overcame the democracy of death, and it will never satisfy the natural yearnings of a youthful heart.—From a pamphlet by ARTHUR G CROMWELL, submitted in Champaign, Ill trial to bar religious education in public schools.

#### SALESMANSHIP

I like the idea of the insurance salesman who places 4 sample checks before his prospect. One is for \$30,000, representing death or dismemberment; one is for \$200, representing weekly indemnity; one is for \$1,000, representing reimbursement coverage. Then he shows the prospect a check for \$54.30, telling him that by such a modest payment, he will enjoy this protection.—*York Compositor*, hm York (Pa) Trade Composition Service.

#### SERVICE—to Others

An English writer tells of a blind man who always carried a lantern. People used to ask of what use the lantern could be to his sightless eyes. "I do not carry it to prevent my stumbling over

others," he replied, "but to keep them from stumbling over me." . . . Let your light shine so that somebody else will not stumble because of you.—Rev PETER PLEUNE, "A Shining Light," *Christian Observer*, 9-12-45.

#### SOCIALISM

Socialism is the state of mind of those who, being dissatisfied with capitalism and afraid of communism, imagine that the advantages of both can be enjoyed free from the disadvantages of either.—GEO WHARTON PEPPER, *Philadelphia Lawyer*. (Lippincott)

#### THEORY vs PRACTICE

With announcement of the Japanese surrender, Capt John F McMahon, battery commander in Pacific Coastal Command, announced to his troops that nobody was to pull duty the following morning; each man could get up when he pleased; breakfast would be waiting whenever he felt like eating it. "Yeah," drawled a realistic recruit in the culinary dept, "but who's going to cook that breakfast?"

#### UNITY

The unity so much desired today will . . . depend on the convergence of a million minds, provided these are now busy doing instead of groaning for the completed edifice to which they themselves should bring some handiwork. The great architect is History, and contrary to childish desires History appoints no press agent to publicize its plans. There is no lack of unity in our intellectual life, but too many men lack faith in their own relation to it.—JACQUES BARZUN, *Teacher in America*. (Little, Brown)

#### WAR—Peace

Why are American Christians such fools as to permit these dep'ts (War & Navy) whose business is making war to claim the right of leadership in establishing peace? Do they ask the football hero to be principal of the school on the basis of his courage and splendid teamwork on the field?—L T WORCOTT, "Are They 'Security Bases'?" *Christian Century*, 9-12-45.

## The Story of the Springfield Plan

The problems of racial and religious intolerance are discussed by community leaders everywhere. But at least one city—Springfield, Mass.—has done something definite and constructive about the matter. "The Springfield Plan" has been much in the public prints of late. And now two social investigators, ALEXANDER ALLAND and JAS WATERMAN WISE, have compiled a book, *The Springfield Plan*, (Viking, \$2.50). It is chiefly a photographic record of school and community activities, with brief supporting text. The "Plan" is in reality a series of living policies, conceived and acted upon by the people concerned, in their daily lives in a small American city. It will reward the careful study of every educator, and every citizen interested in fostering unity and true democracy. Our excerpt is from the book's introduction:

Despite our title, there is no "Springfield Plan." No formal document, no official program, no inclusive formula. And those chiefly responsible for it are painfully inconsistent on pointing this out. They have a horror of nostrums and cure-alls. Yet the community and its leaders informally recognize, speak of, hope for the Springfield Plan. What they refer to is too many-sided for a single definition. It can be described as a city-wide project for democratic living. It is a series of plans, policies, techniques designed to teach children and adults to believe in and act as tho they believed in the principles of democracy.

The origin and paternity of the plan can be summed up in a single man—John Granrud, Sup't of Schools. . . Dr Granrud noted that the nat'l backgrounds and religious affiliations of the community's children were at marked variance with those of their teachers. In a typical American city—composed of native- and foreign-born, of descendants of the Mayflower and immigrants from Ellis Island, of Yankee stock and Irish stock and Polish stock, of whites and Negroes, of Catholics and Jews and Protestants—it seemed incongruous to him that all of the teachers should derive from the so-called old-line American families.

So, when vacancies occurred, the Sup't of Schools set out to find competent teachers of every race and faith to instruct the youth of Springfield. Over a period of yrs he added able teachers of many backgrounds, aware of and sympathetic with the problems of the minority groups which totaled a majority of the city's population. In Springfield,

an applicant for a teaching position knows that he may "aspire to any position in the system, regardless of where his parents were born and regardless of how he spends his time on Sunday."

Realizing that activities in the schools would be useless unless integrated with those of the home, the church and the entire community, an Adult Education Council was formed. Broadly representative of the various groups in Springfield, including mbrs of the clergy of different faiths, business organizations, labor unions, civic and social agencies, this council parallels the program which the schools have undertaken.

Along these lines, a steadily broadening program of education for democracy has been quietly pursued for the last 5 yrs. This program makes no claim to complete originality; it is not definite nor static; there has been neither fanfare nor extra budgets nor high-priced experts to introduce it. Around him Dr Granrud has drawn, both in and out of the schools, a company, not of extraordinary people, but people of extraordinary good will. These people are the gauge of the extent to which the Plan has succeeded, will succeed in the future.

For 5 yrs of education in democratic living together is not very long to pit against the centuries cleavages which not only exist in America, but which threaten our American existence. An overvaluation of what has been accomplished could only prejudice the genuine accomplishments. Springfield is still not only this side of Utopia—it is still this side of the Springfield which its best citizens strive to build.



GEMS FROM

Yesterday

## A World at Peace

VICTOR HUGO

Most persons incline to think of Victor Hugo solely as the author of such classics as *Les Misérables* and *The Hunchback of Notre Dame*. Yet for a considerable period after he was admitted to the Academy and made a peer by Louis Philippe, in 1841, Hugo played a prominent role in the political and sociological life of France. It was during this period that he made his revolutionary speech on poverty, that is still often quoted: "I am not one of those who believe that suffering can be suppressed in this world; suffering is a divine law; but I am one of those who think and affirm that poverty can be destroyed."

Ninety-six yrs before the San Francisco conference, a World Peace Congress was held in Paris. It was the creation of a couple of idealistic Americans, and at the opening session Victor Hugo was elected its president. He seized the opportunity to deliver an eloquent, idealistic, and let us hope, an accurately prophetic speech:

A day will come when there will be no other battle fields than markets open to commerce and minds receptive to ideas; a day when cannon will be exhibited in museums as instruments of torture are today. A day will come when those two immense groups, the United States of America and the United States of Europe, shall be seen placed in the presence of each other, extending the hand of fellowship across the seas, exchanging their produce, their commerce, their industry, their arts, their genius, clearing the earth, peopling the deserts, improving creation under the eye of the Creator, and uniting, for the good of all, these two infinite forces, the fraternity of man and the power of God.

"Crop failures?" asked the old timer. "Yep, I've seen a few of 'em in my days. Now, in 1884 the corn crop was purt' nigh nothing. We cooked some for dinner one day and paw ate 14 acres of corn—at one meal!"—*Ind Telephone News.*

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He was going home and it was dark. His road from the station was a lonely one and he was hurrying as fast as he could when he suddenly realized that a man was following him. The faster he went, the faster the man followed until they came to a cemetery. "Now," he said to himself, "I'll see if I can lose him," and he entered the cemetery. The man followed. He circled a grave and ducked under a hedge. Still the man was there. At last he turned and faced the fellow. "What do you want? Why are you following me?"

"Well, sir, I'm going to Mr Brown's house and the station agent told me to follow you because Mr Brown lives next door. Tell me, do you always go home like this?"—*Jnl of Education.*



## OF THE WEEK

**HUSBAND:** one who lays down the law to his wife, and then accepts all her amendments.—*Wingalo.*

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**CHOW LINE:** the men behind the men . . . behind the men . . . behind the men.—*Our Army.*

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Your new car will have headlights with eyelids that droop. A few mo's of driving will give you fenders to match.—*Chicago Tribune.*

## GOOD STORIES YOU CAN USE

### I LAUGHED AT THIS ONE

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A business man who had recently acquired a small place in the suburbs hired a husky lad from a neighboring farm and set him at digging post-holes. The work was completed in half the expected time. The next task was sawing and piling wood. This chore, too, was accomplished in record time.

"Well," said the employer, "about the only other job I have at the moment is sorting some potatoes. You can put the biggest ones in this bin; the medium-sized ones here, and the little fellows over yonder. I figured it might take half a day, but at the rate you work, you'll probably be thru in an hour."

When nothing was heard from the new hand that day or the next, the business man set out to investigate. He found the workman seated on the floor, his head buried in his hands. "I can't take it!" he moaned. "It's getting me down!"

"But what on earth is the matter?" queried the employer.

"Well," admitted the hand, "it's just the strain of these everlasting decisions!"

When Bishop Whipple was a missionary preaching to the Indians in Minnesota, he had to conduct a service one day in a nearby village. He had to leave in a hurry, and it happened that he left all his belongings scattered about the chief-tain's lodge.

"Will they be safe while I'm gone?" he asked the head of the tribe.

"Oh, yes," said the chief. "You don't need to worry. There isn't a white man within 100 miles."—*Christian Science Monitor.*

Mr and Mrs David O Selznick gave a birthday party for their son Geoffrey. The children who were invited were the offspring of other Hollywood notables. During the party one of the boys climbed a tall tree and did it expertly. The others watched in awe, and when he came down another of the young guests asked: "Who is your tree-climbing tutor?"—*LEONARD LYONS, syndicated col.*



